

FUND STATEMENT EXPLANATION OF TERMS

ADVISED AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Contributions: Consists of gifts of cash, securities, real estate, and personal property to the fund during the statement period. See statement for a detailed list.

Investment Activity: Consists of interest, dividends, gains (losses) from trade activity, changes resulting from fluctuations in market value, and third-party fees related to investment management, investment consulting and bank custody.

Grants: Consists of all grants approved during the statement period, including grants paid and those scheduled to be paid. See statement for detailed list.

Foundation Supporting Fee: The supporting fee assessed to funds covers the cost of philanthropic advising for fundholders, grantmaking, gift and grant/distribution processing, planned giving services, nonprofit fund management, new fund development, and communications and outreach work. The fee is assessed monthly.

Other Fund Expenses: Expenses incurred by the fund that do not result from investment activity (e.g., brokerage fees on the sale of gifted securities).

FUND PROFILE

Fund Type: Fund types include discretionary (unrestricted and field of interest), advised, designated, nonprofit (endowment and reserve), and scholarship.

Foundation Supporting Fee Rate (the minimum annual fee applies to funds with balances less than \$50,000 for Discretionary Funds, \$250,000 for Committee Advised Funds, and \$25,000 for all other fund types):

Fund Type	VCF Annual Supporting Fee	Minimum Annual Fee
Discretionary	3%	\$1,500
Donor Advised*	2%	\$500
Committee Advised	3%	\$1,500
Designated	1%	\$250
Nonprofit Endowment	1%	\$1,000
Nonprofit Reserve	1%	\$1,000

*Donor Advised funds that are not actively invested are considered passthrough funds and are assessed a supporting fee of 2% of gifts rather than the annual supporting fee.

Spending Rate: This is the rate used in the spending calculation and determines the amount that is transferred annually from the invested portion to the grants account of your fund.

Investment Allocation:

VCF Core Investment Pool: The Core Pool utilizes a diversified asset allocation approach that includes a mix of equities, alternatives, and fixed income. The Pool is managed with an overarching risk assessment framework that measures the Pool's exposure to environmental, social, and governance factors to ensure mission and values alignment with the VCF. As the pool is oriented towards long-term returns, it maintains considerable exposure to the equity markets. We believe this is an important quality over long periods although it will periodically produce weak results over shorter periods. Pool funds incur third party investment management, investment consulting, and bank custodial fees. Investment management fees are a blended rate based on the fees charged by our underlying investment managers, weighted for the assets they manage on behalf of the Foundation. Please contact us to find out the current rate.

Passthrough: The passthrough option is available for funds that have a short time horizon and are invested in an interest-bearing account. The interest generated from these funds is used to support our operations and does not accrue to the fund. Passthrough funds are not assessed investment management or custodial fees.

Money Market Pool: The Foundation's money market pool is available for funds that prefer limited market risk. Over long periods of time, this pool will have both the lowest risk of capital losses and the lowest returns of any of our investment options. Money market funds incur third party investment management, investment consulting, and bank custodial fees. Investment management fees are a blended rate based on the fees charged by our underlying investment managers, weighted for the assets they manage on behalf of the Foundation. Please contact us to find out the current rate.

Please note that past investment performance is no guarantee of future results. Individual performance results will vary, and the annual spending policy calculation may invade the original value of contributions to the fund based on actual performance.

Philanthropic Leadership Fund Contribution: This rate is a voluntary commitment to the Foundation's Leadership Fund. Annually in March we will make a grant based on the prior year's ending fund balance multiplied by the chosen Leadership Fund contribution rate and will continue to do so unless you request otherwise. This fund supports activities that grow the impact of giving throughout the state. Since its inception in 2006, it has helped establish programs that help people learn about community needs, led by identifying and cultivating promising ideas, and grow by inspiring others to give to the Fund.

For questions regarding your statement please contact philanthropy@vermontcf.org or 802-388-3355, opt. 5

Updated May 2026